

Ad Hoc Water Quality Working Group

December 2, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Working Group Members – Diane Cameron, Co-Chair; Dusty Rood, Rick Brush, John Cook, Mark Pfefferle, Steve Shofar

Guests – Amy Quant, Keith Van Ness, Tom Schueler, Claire Iseli, Mary Dolan, Jennifer Russel, Mike McCann, Bob Harris, Bob Egan

Staff – Joyce Fuhrmann

Members Absent: Keith Levchenko, Rich Thometz, Carl Elefante, Co-Chair; Irene Carrato

Diane Cameron assumed the Chair for this meeting. The Working Group Members and guests introduced themselves. The group discussed its upcoming meetings and decided to plan a field trip to Ten Mile Creek. The preferred date is January 8, 2010 at 8AM. The back-up date is January 15, 2010 at 8AM. Joyce Fuhrmann will work with the Co-Chairs on the logistics. Diane Cameron welcomed anyone to sit at the table if they represented a constituency for whom the working group member was absent. Joyce Fuhrmann announced to the group that Irene Carrato had resigned from Loiederman Soltesz and was now working outside the county. Amy Quant is sitting in for Ms. Carrato, and although she has not been formally appointed to the group by the council her participation is welcome.

The Group received a presentation by Keith Van Ness, Senior Water Quality Specialist, Watershed Management Division of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Van Ness presented his observations about Ten Mile Creek, its current status and unique nature. There was an opportunity for the Group to ask questions.

The Group also received a presentation entitled “Impervious Cover, Stream Health and the Prospects for Mitigation” by Tom Schueler, Coordinator for the Chesapeake Stormwater Network. Mr. Schueler discussed his review of research conducted across the country on impervious cover, its impacts and mitigation efforts, including Environmental Site Design (ESD). The Group had an opportunity to ask questions of both presenters and discuss the information provided.

(Note: For reference, slides from both presentations can be found on the Working Group’s website.

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/knatmpl.asp?url=/content/council/mem/knapp_m/adhocgroup.asp)

Diane Cameron announced that the next meeting would be on December 16, 2009 at 9AM at the Council Office Building, 6th floor front conference room. The topic for that

meeting will be the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) requirements. Joyce Fuhrmann will work with Group members to gather relevant websites and other documents related to current and new MDE regulations and requirements. Group members requested copies of today's presentations. Keith Van Ness will send them to Diane Cameron and Joyce Fuhrmann who will distribute them and post them on the website.

Diane Cameron thanked the guest speakers and attendees and adjourned the meeting.